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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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1. The reply filed on 11/28/2005 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): the response filed 11/28/2005 fails to provide a proper and correct listing of all claims readable on the elected species. On page 2 of the response filed 7/3/03, the following election was made: *"Applicant provisionally elects (1) the semi flexible tubing of FIG. 3 having a percussion primer end fitting (FIG. 4) at a first end of the semi flexible tubing and a standard HE end fitting (FIG. 20) at a second end of the semi flexible end fitting, where the first end of the PP end fitting being absent any transfer manifold and the second end with the standard HE end fitting being lodged in a three port manifold, where the other two ports have a standard LE end fitting and a standard HE end fitting respectively. Applicant is making this election with traverse "*. In other words, the applicant has elected a species that has a percussion primer end fitting (PP) on the first end, a HE end fitting on the second end, the HE end fitting lodged in a port of a three port manifold, the other two ports having an LE end fitting and an HE end fitting respectively. Therefore the claims that have either a HE, LE or PP end fitting on either the first or second end are not directed to the elected species. See 37 CFR 1.111.

2. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James S. Bergin whose telephone number is 571-272-6872. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Wednesday and Friday, 8.30 - 5.30.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Bergin', followed by a horizontal line.

James S. Bergin